

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for a photosensitive cockpit windshield of the type suitable for use with airplanes, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a photosensitive portion of a windshield which automatically changes from a transparent state to a darker state in response to varying light conditions; (b) providing a photo-sensitive circuit for controlling said photo-sensitive portion of said windshield; (c) providing a control unit for controlling said photo-sensitive circuit, said control unit have an opacity control for controlling an opacity of said photo-sensitive portion of said windshield and a control for controlling a light sensitivity of said and (c**b**) adjusting the light sensitivity of said photosensitive windshield via said light sensitivity control of said control unit, said photosensitive portion being surrounded by an area of said windshield not being photosensitive.

2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling said a photo-sensitive circuit via said control unit ~~of the photosensitive portion of said windshield~~ to enable or disable operation of the photosensitive windshield.

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of adjusting the opacity of the photosensitive portion of the windshield via said opacity control of said control unit.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 3, further comprising the step of adjusting the response rate of the photosensitive portion of the windshield via a response rate control on said control unit.

5-18. (canceled)